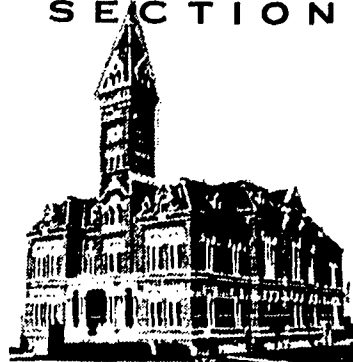


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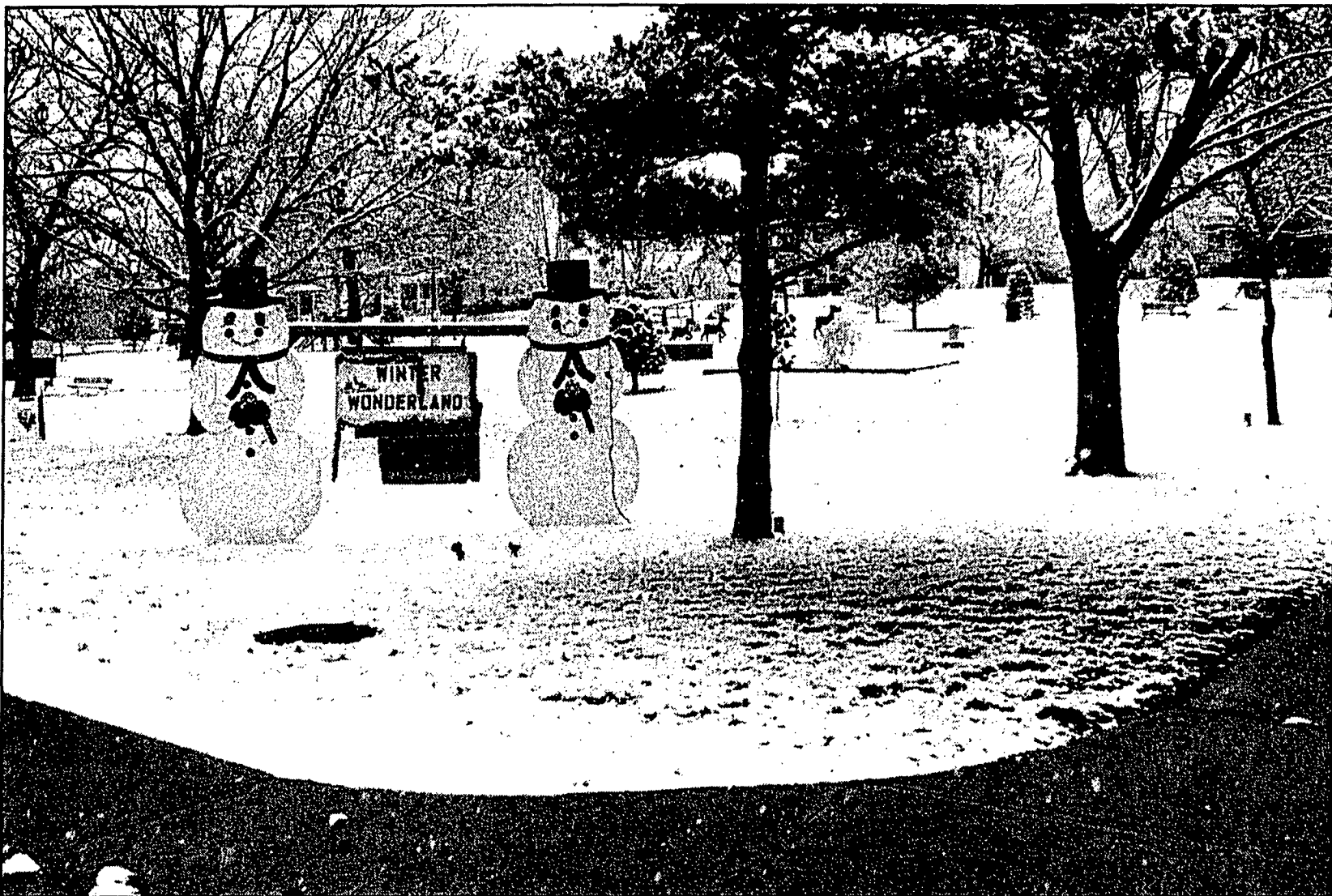
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Festive lighting. Wednesday's blanket of snow covers Franklin Park — making its transformation into a Winter Wonderland complete. St. Joseph Light and Power Company donates the electricity that keeps the

park's thousands of lights on until Dec. 26. In addition, several Maryville businesses and individuals contributed their helping hands, energy, time and even food to support yet another year of holiday lighting.

Winter Wonderland illuminates city

Volunteering hands create festive sights in Franklin Park

AMY DUGGAN
CONTRIBUTING WRITER

Thousands of lights and 15 to 20 holiday displays have decorated the area on the corner of Seventh and Main Street since the 1980s. The sight for this yearly festivity — Franklin Park's Winter Wonderland.

Coordinated by the Maryville Citizens for Community Action, the Maryville Chamber of Commerce, Maryville High School and the help

of local and out-of-town businesses, the park is decorated until Dec. 26 with the permission of Parks and Recreation.

"It focuses on the true spirit and meaning of Christmas," Roland Tullberg, MCCA president, said. "It recognizes the birth of Jesus Christ and everything is associated with lights."

Festive sights include a manger scene, Santa and his reindeer, a dozen standing booklets with verses from the 12 days of Christmas, Santa's house, snowmen on each corner, trees strung with lights and, of course, Santa himself.

Because the decorations have made the park their home for so long,

renovations were needed this year for preservation. Renovations included a new window in Santa's house, painting of Santa's sleigh and reindeer and the upgrading of booklets with various verses.

Much of the decorations were painted by members of MHS's Art Club, the manger scene constructed by MHS's Industrial Arts class and each one is sponsored by local businesses: A & J Realty, NEBS, United Telephone, Bank Midwest, Nodaway Valley Bank and the First Bank of Maryville.

Tullberg admits without the genuine support of community members, Winter Wonderland may not exist. St. Joseph Light and Power provides

the electrical power at no charge for the park. Local merchants have donated money for repairs on lights and displays, candy for the children and Santa's helper.

While money is vital to organize such a project, assisting those involved in decorating was not overlooked. A few community donations included Bob Wiederholt — a local farmer who donated bales of straw and stayed all day to help with wiring — Country Kitchen served hot chocolate, Domino's Pizza donated pizza and hot chocolate and Maryville Public Safety officers turned on and off the lights.

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Bill focuses on better schools

HAWKEYE WILSON
POLITICAL CORRESPONDENT

Recalling that in 1993 homicide was the No. 1 cause of fatalities for 15- to 19-year-olds, Missouri Gov. Mel Carnahan announced earlier this week a Safe Schools Initiative in hopes of improving the learning environment in high schools around the state.

The legislation, which will make it a felony for assaulting school employees and students, also includes a state grant program for safe schools. The \$6 million grant will be used to improve physical security and help in developing new programs to promote better security.

"We cannot allow our schools to become combat zones," Carnahan said in a press release. "If we are serious about giving our children opportunities to learn and be successful in life, we must be able to protect them from danger and provide them with a safe and secure school environment."

Gary Bell, R-II District Superintendent, said that Maryville's school district has a safe environment and he is not sure how the initiative will affect Maryville, but added that the Maryville High School has a good relationship with the community.

"The relationship among parents, teachers and students is rather positive and so problems can be solved quickly," Bell said.

Graduate student Jeff Simms said he grew up in St. Louis and has taught both in St. Louis and Kansas City. He is presently teaching at MHS.

"Maryville is a relatively safe place to go to school," Simms said. "In the St. Louis schools you have to check in at doors and you have to be weary of people coming into the school and knowledgeable of what they are there for and their intentions."

Simms said he had seen guns and

drugs in the St. Louis schools before and added that "larger schools are more likely to have problems because there are more people to cause them."

Stacey Otte

MHS Student Senate president, said the school was safe and she was not aware of any major disruptions.

"I think the Maryville district is a very safe district to have kids grow up in," Otte said.

Northwest graduate student Frederick Mares said that Carnahan's plan is good but responsibility for students also lies in the home.

"I agree with Gov. Carnahan that stronger measures are needed to curb violence in schools," Mares said. "But I also think that parents must be involved in finding solutions to student misbehavior."

Mares said at Horace Mann School, an undergraduate course called Methods and Techniques, teaches students about how to maintain a classroom, such as keeping their composure, eye contact and reactions to student behavior.

Mares added that the class sessions are taped so students can review the tape and correct their mistakes by observing others and absorbing their techniques.

The General Assembly will reconvene for its 1996 session Jan. 3 when it is expected to review the legislation.

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Stacey Otte
MHS Student Senate president

Enforcing health

Health center promotes lifetime of wellness

SUSIE MIRES
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Committed to a lifetime of health, the Nodaway County Health Center provides a variety of services for people of all ages.

Those services are free to all residents of Nodaway County. Community health nurse Barbara York wanted to dispel one common belief.

"For years, the county health nurse was thought of as serving the indigent," York said. "We're for everyone. If you're a taxpayer, you're eligible for our services."

Those services cover just about everything a person would need during his or her lifetime, beginning even before birth. The center offers pregnancy testing and has the authority to issue temporary Medicaid cards to women who qualify to allow them to receive needed medical attention.

"Early prenatal care can solve a lot of problems," York said.

The center also offers the Women, Infants and Children program. It is a supplemental nutrition program for women and children that provides healthy foods such as milk, eggs and cheese.

Administrator Lisa Rogers said it was one of the few programs that has an income guideline.

Another important service for local preschoolers is the child health conference, formerly known as well

baby clinics.

The checkups include vision, hearing, urine and anemia tests. Each child is tested.

York said the department's largest project is immunization.

"Our primary goal is communicable disease," she said. "One method of prevention is the Shot program. With the help of the Rotary Club, the center has provided several immunizations for area youth in the past year. Dr. Bob Dunshee offers services to the physician order necessary to provide the shot."

"It has helped a lot of children immunized that otherwise," York said.

After getting No. 1 priority, the center continues to provide services to ensure healthy living. They offer blood pressure checks, HIV testing, stamp passports for overseas travel and issue all birth and death certificates for the county. They also help to provide breast and cervical cancer testing.

"It's for women who are caught in the crack and are not getting their yearly exam and pap smear," York said.

The center offers winter visits for homebound individuals.

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LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Ouch! Michael Marlow, 3, winces a little while he receives his immunization shot at the Nodaway County Health Services Center last Friday. Marlow, the son of Kent and Sandy Marlow of Maryville, and his twin sister, Maleah, both received immunization shots to fill the requirements of attending Horace Mann.



Young, creative hands



LAURA RIEDEL/Chief Photographer

Emily Howell finishes decorating her Christmas cookie at St. Gregory's school Tuesday afternoon. Howell and the rest of her Brownie Troop 305 decorated the cookies to donate to the Community Recreation

and Resocialization program's Christmas party. The CRRP is a group organized to help mentally-handicapped patients adjust to community life. This is the seventh year the troop has sent cookies to CRRP.

Agencies seek funds for poor

St. Joseph company welcomes holiday donations for needy

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Customers of St. Joseph Light & Power can spread more than just cheer in the holiday season.

They can help keep those less fortunate warm and comfortable during the coldest part of the year.

For the 14th consecutive year, the power company that services Nodaway and nine other northwest Missouri counties will be offering an opportunity for its patrons to donate money to those who are in need of help during the Christmas season.

Jerry Musil, manager of public affairs for St. Joseph Light & Power, said it is easy for anyone serviced by his company to donate money to the needy.

Customers need to check the box located in the upper portion of their bill that asks if they would like to be part of the Energy Assistance Fund.

An amount of more than \$1 must

then be filled in the accompanying box.

The customer should automatically include the stated amount in that month's payment check.

The electric company will take the amount received from this fund and add \$5,000 to it from its own funds.

The total amount will be sent to the United Way office in St. Joseph. From there, it will be sent to agencies in the 10-county area serviced by the St. Joseph Light & Power Company.

These agencies will in turn give the funds to persons in need of financial help on their power bills.

Musil said customers donate between \$8,000 and \$10,000 a year during the last few heating seasons.

The heating season runs from November to April.

"Since the program started in 1982, there has been a total of \$135,000 donated to needy people in the region," Musil said.

Musil also said every dollar donated to the Energy Assistance Fund goes directly to the United Way, but St. Joseph Light & Power takes no portion of it.

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"So many people were willing to help, to lend a hand, to lend an idea and to lend money," Tullberg said.

Helping to coordinate the lighting ceremony and the arrival of Santa was approximately 20 to 25 students from MHS. Student Council president, Stacey Otte, and her classmates, organized the lighting ceremony where the lights are first turned on, Santa's arrival and provided the people power to put up and take down the lights. Otte admits the lights and displays do more than provide scenery during the holiday season.

"It brings the community together," she said. "I think all the kids enjoy it, being able to see all the lights and Santa."

Every Friday and Saturday Santa can be seen from 6 to 8 p.m. in his house on the southeast side of the park. He sits inside his house heated by a small room heater waiting to chat with visitors, hand out candy and pose for pictures with children.

"(The best part is) being with the kids, the warmth you get from everybody — especially the little kids," Santa said.

To Santa, the tradition usually is

to ask for toys, but he admits a few children come to ask for a new house or the reunion of their parents.

"It's those that really touch your heart," he said. "It's then when you really wish you were magic."

As the former superintendent of Maryville public schools, Tullberg said working with the community and students has been the perfect recipe for retirement. He hopes that working with the students will help Winter Wonderland's lighting tradition stay alive for years to come.

"You go through life running the race and hoping other people will pick up on it, too," he said.

Holidays consist of traditions, bringing together families, communities and friends, but most of all the spirit of bringing joy to others. As a child, Tullberg remembers visiting homes that were decorated with lights. And with those memories he believes working with the students will allow them to one day experience the same memories he has had.

"I can still remember how big the displays were as I took in all the lights," he said. "Now it's my turn to help the young people."

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For York, who has worked with the center for 17 years, providing life-time services gives her a unique opportunity.

"We're able to do teaching and follow through," she said. "We get to build a rapport with the client."

York said she is also able to help patients by referring them to other agencies that can help them.

"Everyone is going to have to take responsibility for their own health," she said. "It is up to everyone to make

sure they get proper rest, proper exercise and the right diet."

The health department, governed by five directors, also provides environmental services to inspect water quality, sewage systems, hotels and restaurants.

Educational programs and counseling are available.

Anyone interested in participating in or learning more about its services can contact the Nodaway County Health Center at 562-2755.

Clarification

Crime statistics in Missouri are not as bad as first reported.

Earlier this year, in the Nov. 16 issue of the *Northwest Missourian*, a story was written titled "State leads nation in some crimes." Since then, the *Missourian* has been informed that the statistics received were incorrect.

Some of the incorrect statistics include how often violent crime and murder occur in the state of Missouri. It was first reported that in 1993, a new crime was committed

every 1.5 minutes in Missouri, with a violent crime occurring every 13 seconds.

However, according to The FBI Uniform and Crime Reports published in 1993, a new crime is committed every 1.9 minutes in Missouri, with a violent crime occurring every 13.4 minutes, not seconds.

Also, it was reported that in Missouri, a murder occurs every 14 minutes.

In the 1993 edition of the State of Missouri Crime and Arrest Digest, it states a murder in Missouri occurs every 14.9 hours, not every 14 minutes.

City may build new water plant

TATE SINCLAIR
CHIEF REPORTER

Water could be a major point of debate in Maryville in the coming months.

City Manager David Angerer said the City Council will engage Burns & McDonnell engineering in Kansas City Monday to look into the possibility of building a new water plant for Maryville in the future.

He pointed to the 11 percent increase in Maryville's population in the 1980s. He also said the increase of car washes and other businesses has had an effect on water consumption.

"We've also got to look at the age of our current plant," Angerer said. "It was built in the late 1950s. If you were driving a 40-year-old car, you would be worried about how much longer it would run. We have the same concerns about the plant."

He said that a new plant or an ad-

dition to the existing one would include the latest technology.

"It has a capacity of 2.5 million gallons a day," he said. "Generally we don't approach that, but on particularly hot and dry days, we have come close to pushing it to the limit."

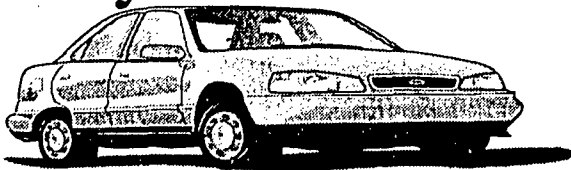
He said that while the Maryville Treatment Center and its 500 inmates will draw on the city's water, this may not put much burden on the city.

"We are negotiating a deal with the prison that will call for them to build a holding tank that will support them on heavy use days, when water demand is greater," Angerer said.

While there is concern over the water plant, there is no concern at City Hall over the water supply.

"When we were counting on the 102 River for water, there was always a concern of it going dry," Angerer said. "Now that we are feeding off of a 100,000-acre lake like Mozingo, there really is no concern over our supply."

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Police Reports

These reports are taken from the official reports that Maryville Public Safety and the Nodaway County Sheriff's Department receive.

■ Nov. 27 - Eric S. Carter, 19, of Maryville, was served a warrant for failure to appear. He was released after posting bond.

■ Nov. 28 - Diane K. Beason, 40, of Maryville, received a summons after her dog was running at large on different occasions.

■ Nov. 28 - A Maryville female reported that person(s) had cut down an 8-foot high by 5-foot wide evergreen tree from her front yard.

■ Nov. 29 - A Maryville female reported the theft of items from her vehicle. Taken were a portable Realistic scanner, medical card and her prescription. Loss value was approximately \$350.

■ Nov. 29 - A local business reported a male and female had left without paying for gasoline. Loss value was \$10.22.

■ Nov. 29 - Clyde M. Roberts, of Maryville, was headed north on Market and pulled from a stop sign, striking the car of Sara B. Newbury, of Maryville, who was east on Third. Roberts was cited with failure to yield.

■ Nov. 30 - Scott W. Wilksin, 35, of Grant City, was arrested for driving while intoxicated. He was released on bond after being held the mandatory eight hours.

■ Nov. 30 - Neil D. Fanning, of St. Jo-

seph, was headed west on Highway 136 and Michael R. Kinman was headed east on the highway. When both vehicles met on the 102 River bridge, the vehicles sideswiped. No citations were issued.

■ Dec. 1 - Raymond Morriss, 37, of Barnard, was arrested on warrants from Maryville for failure to appear. He is being held on \$9,000 bond.

■ Dec. 1 - The car of James S. Davis, of Maryville, was struck by a hit-and-run driver in the Hy-Vee parking lot.

■ Dec. 1 - A fire unit responded to a local business in reference to a gasoline spill. Solvent was applied to the spill area.

■ Dec. 1 - A Maryville female reported her daughter had been assaulted by a Quitman female.

■ Dec. 1 - A Maryville female reported that a male subject used one of her credit cards to order clothes without her permission. Total amount was \$245.24.

■ Dec. 1 - Katrina A. Dolin, of Clearmont, reported vandalism to her vehicle while it was parked in Clearmont. The door handle was broken. This was valued at \$50.

■ Dec. 1 - A Maryville female said while her vehicle was parked at her residence, the driver's side back window was shattered.

■ Dec. 2 - Richard D. Vance, 20, of Hopkins, was arrested for minor in possession. He was released on a summons.

■ Dec. 2 - Dallas E. Raasch, of Maryville reported vandalism to his mailbox and the theft of the pig ornament from the top of the mailbox. He valued the damage at \$50.

■ Dec. 2 - A Maryville female said she has been receiving harassing phone calls.

■ Dec. 2 - A Maryville male reported someone had pulled plug-ends off two strands of Christmas lights and two other strands were cut in half in a bush in his front yard.

■ Dec. 2 - An officer was in the 100 block of West 11th when he observed a vehicle spinning its tires as it started from a stopped position. The vehicle was then stopped and contact was made with the driver, Cole D. Sidwell, of Queen City. After an odor of intoxicants was detected, Sidwell was asked to perform field sobriety tests, which he failed. He was then arrested for driving while intoxicated after his blood alcohol content tested over the legal limit. Sidwell was also issued a citation for excessive acceleration.

■ Dec. 2 - An officer on patrol in the area of Grand and College Avenue observed three females walking, one of whom was carrying a sack. Upon observing the officer, she put the sack down and

walked away. The subjects were then stopped and the subject was asked to get the sack. She was identified as Heather L. Howard, 18, of Maryville. After the sack was found to contain alcoholic beverages, she was issued a summons for minor in possession and for littering.

■ Dec. 3 - An Overland Park, Kan., female reported the theft of her 8-inch by 11-inch daily calendar, black purse and nine checks from her vehicle while she was parked in the 1500 block of North Main.

■ Dec. 3 - Mary M. Jensen, of Maryville, was headed south on Walnut when she made a turn onto South Avenue and struck Marcia A. Jordan, of Maryville, who was also headed south on Walnut. Jensen was cited with careless and imprudent driving.

■ Dec. 4 - Marvin L. Sanders, of Quitman, reported the theft of a bull, cow and calf. The cattle were valued at \$1,350.

■ Dec. 5 - Two Marville males reported person(s) had broken into their residence. A grey safe containing \$1,500 cash was taken.

■ Dec. 6 - Troy R. Teague, 18, of Lawson, and Michael B. Tipton, 19, of Lawson, received minors in possession after being stopped in 1900 block of South Main. Teague was also issued a citation for failure to display two operable headlights.

Births

Selina Rae Talmadge

Gerald and Sheila Talmadge, of Maryville, are the parents of Selina Rae, born Monday, Nov. 27, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 12 ounces.

She joins one brother. Grandparents are Don and Beverly McCoy, of Kearney, and Jerry and Shirley Talmadge, of Maryville.

Kabrina Lynn McClellan

Rick and Deanna McClellan, of Burlington Junction, are the parents of Kabrina Lynn, born Wednesday, Nov. 29, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 5 pounds, 15 ounces.

She joins one brother. Grandparents are Bob and Arlene Masters, of Maryville, and Glee and Marilyn McClellan, of Albany.

Parker James Schenkel

Steven and Christine Schenkel, of Maryville, are the parents of Parker James,

born Tuesday, Nov. 28, at St. Francis Hospital. He weighed 7 pounds, 14 ounces.

Grandparents are Larry and Patty Lager, of Conception Junction, and John and Sue Schenkel, of Maryville.

Breanna Danielle Sorensen

Matthew and Tammy Sorensen, of Maryville, are the parents of Breanna Danielle, born Thursday, Nov. 30, at St. Francis Hospital. She weighed 6 pounds, 13 ounces.

Grandparents are Gary and Judy Sorensen, and Ray and Sandy Sorensen, both of Maryville.

Savannah Marle Hutson

Michael and Jaime Hutson, of Maryville, are the parents of Savannah Marie, born Wednesday, Nov. 29, at St. Francis Hospital.

She weighed 7 pounds, 9 ounces.

She joins two brothers. Grandparents are Barbara Gard, of Olathe, Kan., and Kenny Porter, of Maryville, and Joe and Carol Hutson, of Hopkins.

Obituaries

Lorin W. Grace

Lorin W. Grace, 83, of Maryville, died Sunday, Dec. 3, at his home.

He was born June 8, 1912, to Henry and Katherine Grace, of Worth County. Survivors include his wife, Sylvia Grace, and one son, William Grace.

Services were Wednesday at Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at Nodaway Memorial Gardens.

Angie Aline Magdellne Deptuch

Angie Aline Magdellne Deptuch, 59, of Maryville, died Saturday, Dec. 2, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

She was born Sept. 27, 1936, to Charles and Ella White, of Tazewell, Va. Survivors include her husband, Eugene Deptuch, and three daughters, Cathy Hansen, Meda Hansen and Sarah DeVee.

Services were Monday at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in

Maryville. Burial was at Grandview Memorial Gardens in Bluefield, Va.

Martha Ewing

Martha Ewing, 92, of Grant City, died Friday, Dec. 1, at the Worth County Convalescent Center in Grant City.

She was born Feb. 17, 1903, to Newton and Mary Kennedy in Bolckow. Survivors include one son, John Ewing, and one daughter, Mary Belcher.

Services were Monday at the Price Funeral Home in Maryville. Burial was at the Oak Hill Cemetery in Maryville.

John Charles Beeks

John Charles Beeks, 71, of Bella Vista, Ark., died Tuesday, Nov. 28, at Bates Medical Center in Bentonville, Ark.

He was born July 7, 1924, to Jesse and Gladys Beeks, of Eagleville. Survivors include his wife, Arlene Beeks, and two daughters, Beverly Johansen and Patty Dowden.

Graveside services were Saturday in Eagleville.

Verla Izora Dunn

Verla Izora Dunn, 87, of St. Joseph, died Monday at the St. Joseph Convalescent Center.

She was born July 21, 1908, to Elzra and Orpha Post, of Fairport. Survivors include her stepmother, Florence Post; one stepdaughter, Lois Hackett, and three stepsons, Robert Dunn, Larry Dunn and James Dunn.

Services were Thursday at St. Gregory's Catholic Church in Maryville. Burial was at Memorial Park Cemetery in St. Joseph.

Carl Newberry

Carl Newberry, 79, of Maryville, died Tuesday, Dec. 5, at St. Francis Hospital in Maryville.

He was born Dec. 24, 1915, to Palmer and Bessie Newberry, of Ravenwood. Survivors include one son, Ronnie Newberry and one daughter, Connie Newberry Broz.

Services were today at the Price Funeral Home Chapel in Maryville. Burial was at the Miriam Cemetery in Maryville.

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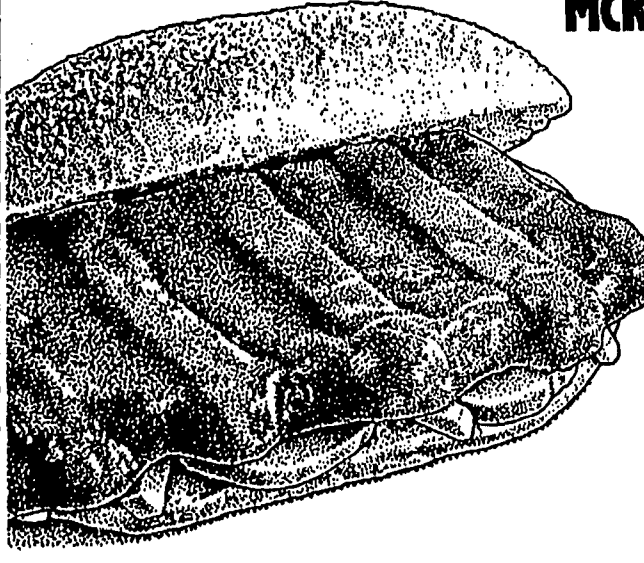
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'Hounds stay unbeaten

Boys' cagers roll to win over Clarinda, face tough LeBlond team

COLIN MCDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER

Defense and hustle keyed the Maryville boys' basketball team to a victory in their initial home game of the season Tuesday.

The Spoofhounds cruised to an easy 50-26 victory over the visiting Clarinda (Iowa) High School Cardinals. The win improved the 'Hounds record to 3-0 on the season.

The 'Hounds jumped out quickly on the Cardinals in the first quarter by holding them to only two points and only 11 points at halftime.

Maryville led 34-11 at the half and kept the same 23 point margin heading into the fourth quarter, 42-19.

Mike Kuwitzky, head basketball coach, said he was pleased with the defensive effort of his team.

"I was happy because we got some pretty good defensive pressure on them," he said.

Senior swingman Jeff Edmonds led the Spoofhound attack with 19 points.

Kuwitzky said the play of Edmonds helped the 'Hounds secure the win.

"He really had an outstanding game and he was the key principle character on the floor," he said. "He had a heads-up game."

Edmonds said he was getting good looks at the basket because of the play of his teammates.

"People were screening for me

and Jeremy was passing the ball really well," he said.

Kuwitzky said senior point guard Jeremy Dorrel, who had 12 points, was another key player for the Spoofhounds.

"(Dorrel) really sees the floor well when he's at his best," Kuwitzky said. "He can distribute the ball well."

Dorrel said the team had some jitters in the early going because it was the home opener.

"It was our first game and I think we were a little nervous," he said. "We settled down then and pulled away."

Maryville will be in action on Friday as it plays host to LeBlond at 7:30 p.m.

Kuwitzky said he expects LeBlond to give the 'Hounds a tough battle.

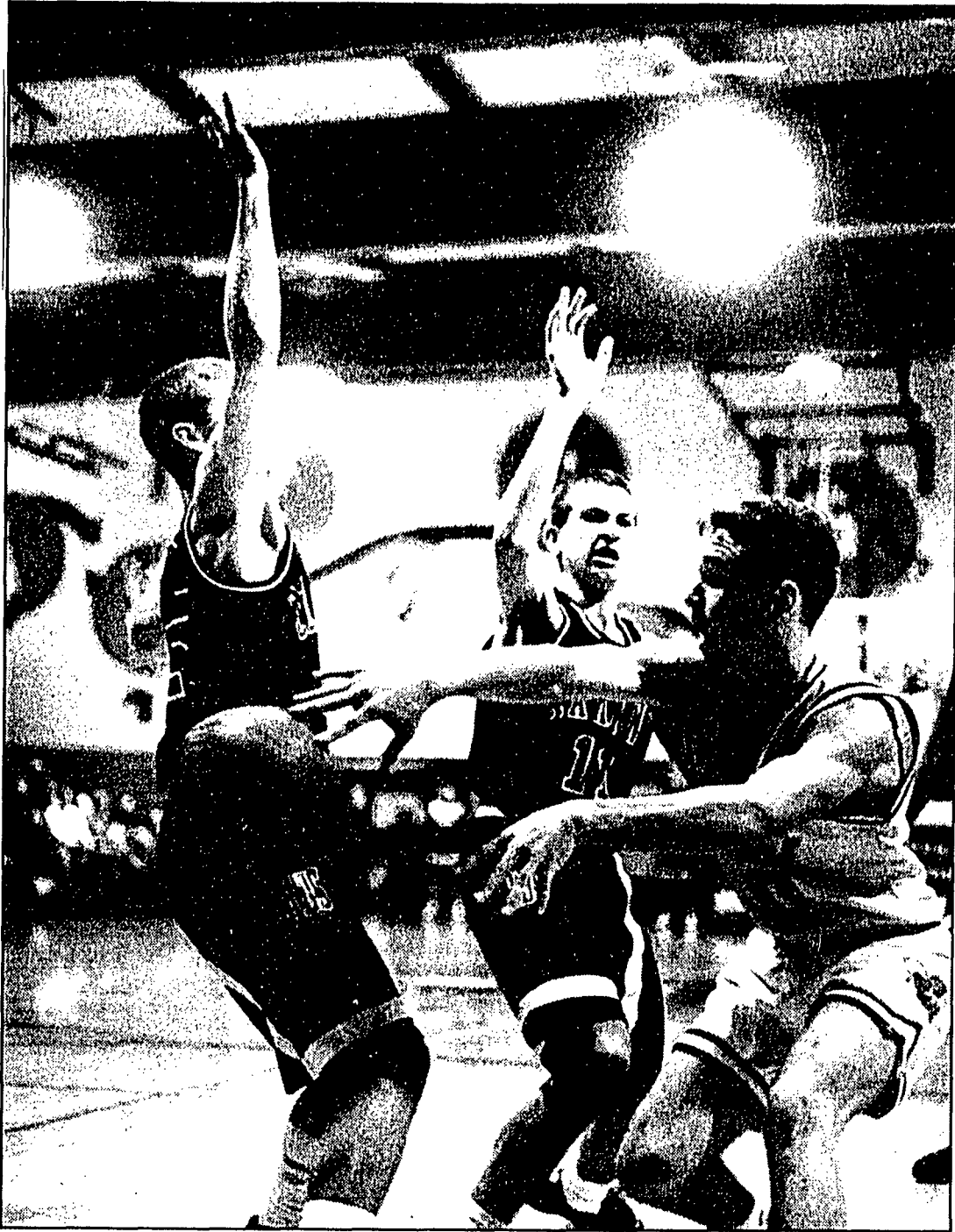
"They have some hard-nosed guys and they will drive to the basket," he said. "I've got a lot of respect for them and they will be determined."

Dorrel said if the 'Hounds expect to win, they will need a strong defensive effort.

"We are going to need to play good defense," he said. "Defense will be the main thing."

Edmonds said the team will have to play together on Friday to earn a victory.

"It will take the same effort we gave tonight, a total team effort," he said. "It will also take a total team defensive effort."



Just passing through. Senior Jeremy Dorrel throws a pass, under the basket Tuesday night

against Clarinda. The Hounds are 3-0 on the season, beating Clarinda 50-26.

JACY FREAR/Missourian Staff

TimeOut

Maryville cagers eager to rebuild and gain respect



NATE OLSON

Girls look to the future; boys hope to escape the glare of the spotlight of the past

The Spoofhound boys' and girls' basketball programs have been very different the last few years, but so far this season they have had a lot in common.

Both teams have faced different kinds of adversity and both squads have coped well with their obstacles.

The boys' team started the season looking for an identity. For the past few years, the boys basketball program has been spectacular to say the least, and without much experience and even less height most fans have labeled this a rebuilding year.

However, in talking with head coach Mike Kuwitzky and a few players, I found they want to surprise a few people and break out of the shadow of past teams and make a name for themselves by overachieving.

Much like the football team did during the fall, this team has been successful so far by playing with an exceptional amount of heart and guts.

Despite all of the talk about breaking free of the high expectations that surround the program, you can bet the glory years still loom in the back of the minds of the coaches and players. So far they have done a good job of not being nervous and just playing solid fundamental basketball.

Regardless of what happens the rest of the way, fans should be proud of our team because even though there is not as much talent as we have seen in the past there could be enough heart and determination to make things interesting.

Speaking of heart, Jeff Martin, head girls basketball coach, and his squad do not have a great record but have shown signs of overcoming adversity as well.

The girls' basketball program has been at the opposite end of the spectrum of the boys. They have struggled over the past few years, but new head coach Martin has made a commitment to rebuild a program. It has been a commitment that has been embraced by the squad so far, judging by the intensity and improvement that has been shown.

Friday night, they narrowly fell short of upending archrival Benton High School. The point is the effort and enthusiasm that has been lacking is there now. Although the Spoofhounds may not be taking a trip to Columbia this year, look for good things to come.

I cannot really predict how the two teams will finish but I can guarantee there will be some excitement and some hot nights in the Maryville High School gym, so keep up that great fan support and stay behind the two teams.

Because this is the last issue of the semester, I would like to thank everyone I have worked with so far this year for making my job easier and wish everyone a very Merry Christmas.

Also if any players, fans or coaches would like to write a column next semester and express their opinions, call me at 562-1224.

Nate Olson is the city sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Happy Holidays
and Happy New
Year from the
Missourian Sports
Staff

Ouch. Senior Tim Anderson pauses during his match because of a nose-bleed. Anderson won his match to help the Spoofhounds defeat Maysville High School.

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Missourian
Staff



Wrestlers capture 2nd dual win

CHRIS GEINOSKY
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Put it in the books: the Maryville wrestling team is 2-0 on the season.

The Spoofhounds locked horns with the Maysville High School Wolverines last Thursday and walked away with their second consecutive victory to start off the season 33-27.

Three weight classes could not be filled by Maysville, and the Wolverines were forced to forfeit 18 points.

"We know we had the forfeits, and they could pull us back," coach Joe Drake said. "We just didn't want to depend on them."

After a rather easy victory in their first dual, the Spoofhounds were in a battle with the Wolverines.

"(Maysville) is a good, young team," Drake said. "But it looked like to me that we were not mentally ready to perform."

Junior Jeff Beacom (1-0) did not wrestle Thursday because his match was forfeited, but he said he thought there may have been a letdown after the first dual.

"Everybody took care of their job against Rock Port," Beacom said. "But against Maysville, everyone took them lightly, and we can't do that again."

Maryville will try to continue its undefeated season

tonight against South Harrison High School in the Maryville High School gym at 7 p.m.

In his attempt to return to state, senior Tim Anderson is 2-0.

Junior Wyatt Dunbar is in his first year of wrestling, but like Anderson, Dunbar is undefeated in two tries.

Two other wrestlers who have started the year 2-0 are sophomore Jeremy Lliteras and junior Dustin Keith.

Maryville's other state qualifier from last year, sophomore Mark Anderson, has started his season out on the right foot, pinning the two opponents he has faced this season.

Anderson said he is happy with the way the season has opened for the Hounds this year.

"I'm satisfied with the way things have gone so far," Anderson said. "We're winning duals and that's what's important."

Maryville's junior varsity has not wrestled since last Tuesday, but the team will be back in action this weekend.

The Lexington Invitational and Trenton Tournament are the two tournaments Maryville's varsity squad will participate in this month.

The tournament in Lexington will take place at 10:30 a.m. Dec. 9 and the one in Trenton will be at 11:30 a.m. Dec. 16.

After victory, girls eye Nodaway-Holt

ROB J. BROWN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

With the motto "demand respect or expect defeat," the 1995-96 Spoofhound girls' basketball squad earned respect Tuesday with a win against Lafayette High School and the team looks for more in the illustrious Nodaway County Tournament.

"That phrase is what our whole program is about," senior guard Dana Walter said. "We have to demand respect from other people and teams before we can win."

The girls' team will try and earn that respect in the Nodaway County Tournament at 6 p.m. Monday at Maryville High School against the Nodaway-Holt Trojans. The Spoofhounds head into the tournament knowing that for the past three seasons Maryville has not won a single game in the double-elimination tournament.

"(The Trojans) are a real good experienced club, and they will be very tough," head coach Jeff Martin said. "We will have to come and attack them defensively like we have in the past two games against Benton and Lafayette. They have a lot of weapons like those teams, so we'll have to get after them."

Tuesday the girls faced Midland Empire Conference foe, the Lafayette Fighting Irish in St. Joseph. The Spoofhounds came out sluggish and rusty in the first half. By the end of the half Maryville trailed 21-22.

"We were really off-sync offensively in the first half," Martin said. "We did think we were doing a real good job on defense, and we kept the defense up in the second-half."

When the 'Hounds stepped onto the court in the second half it was like a total transformation took place. The Spoofhounds sported a tough press defense that held the Irish to 13 second half points. The Spoofhounds defense soared as Maryville racked up its first MEC win with a 34-28 victory.

"I think when it came down to the pressure point in the game we knew what we had to do and we did it," Walter said. "We executed well."

Walter led the Spoofhound attack on and off the ball against the Fighting Irish.

"I have been telling Dana from day one that we need a senior leader and I put a lot of that responsibility in her hands and she led us tonight defensively and offensively," Martin said.

Small led the Spoofhounds in scoring as she tipped in 10 points. Small also crashed the boards and grabbed nine rebounds on the night. Walter dished out four assists while Heidi Brazier picked off four steals.

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Holiday Message

Chaos ruins seasonal meaning

"Tom is so hard to shop for."

"I just don't have enough time to prepare Christmas dinner this year."

"Mommy, I just have to have the new set of Power Ranger action figures this year for Christmas."

"Phil, you know we can't afford to buy Bobby that new bike."

Ah, the wonderful sounds of Christmas.

These sounds should ring familiar to most everyone as we all scurry to prepare for the holidays. We all worry about buying the perfect gifts, preparing the perfect meals and having the perfect parties; all the while, trying to dig in our pocketbooks for money that just isn't there.

This is not Christmas, nor should it be.

Increasingly, more people get depressed around the holidays because of finances, stress and emotional strain. But it does not have to be this way.

We should all take a look at why we celebrate Christmas. It is NOT because of the legend of jolly old St. Nick. Sometimes we get so wrapped up in the hassles of Christmas that



CHRIS TRIEBSCH

we forget why we celebrate this holiday. It is because Jesus was born on this day (or at least that is the day we use for his birth).

Christmas is for spending time with family and loved ones and giving, not receiving.

My mother is the epitome of someone who gets too wrapped up over the hassles of Christmas. She wants everyone in our family to be happy and she wants her meals to be perfect. Although she is a wonderful cook, I don't come home for the holidays for the extravagant meals (although I really don't mind). I go home to relax, spend time with people I care about and ponder different things.

There are a lot of starving, homeless people who are in a lot worse

shape than we are. It is a humbling experience to see some of those who are less fortunate. We must look out for our fellow man, that is how God wants it, and helping others is a very rewarding experience. But at the same time, we must not forget that these people suffer the whole year through, not just during the holidays.

Despite all the daily hassles, God had given us many gifts. We just have to take advantage of them. Christmas songs, and I don't mean the ones about Santa, can truly bring you into the Christmas spirit.

So I challenge you to take some time out and get into the real holiday spirit. Bring out the Manheim Steamroller and Bing Crosby Christmas CDs and be thankful.

Christmas isn't a contest about who can give and receive the best gifts; it is a time of love and compassion for your fellow human being. It is a time to think about the reason for the season.

Chris Triebsch is the assignment managing editor for the Northwest Missourian.

Religion celebrates holiday

When many people use the words "happy holidays" during this time of year, they think of Christmas and New Year's Day, but there is another holiday encompassed with this season: Chanukah.

Chanukah, sometimes spelled Hanukkah, originated in a biblical war when the Temple of Jerusalem was destroyed about 165 BC.

When it was destroyed, there was only enough oil to last for a day, but miraculously, the oil kept burning for eight days. Chanukah was instituted by the Maccabees, leaders of the Jews.

"(Chanukah) is an eight-day celebra-

tion of lights," Hudson Hall Director Wendy Sue Freedman said.

Because the Jewish religion does not celebrate Christmas, it can sometimes be difficult for some to adapt to all the hype that goes into that holiday.

"When I go into stores and see 'Merry Christmas' instead of 'Happy Holidays' I do not patron that store anymore," Freedman said. "I do think it is (in) the season of giving."

Although the holiday is sometimes not thought of by some, Freedman does not believe it is a forgotten holiday.

"In the Jewish culture and religion, it is celebrated," Freedman said. "I do

not think it is overlooked. I do think it is overlooked in the main stream of Christmas. A lot of that is because it falls at a different time each year."

Chanukah's dates are based on the lunar calendar.

This year, Chanukah starts Dec. 18.

Freedman said some of the various traditions surrounding Chanukah include lighting the Menorah candle each day, eating potato latke cakes and playing the dreidel, a four-sided top with a Hebrew letter on each side.

This article was compiled by Jennie Nelson and Chris Triebsch

MARYVILLE'S Church Bulletin

Assembly of God First Church

921 E. Third
582-2623
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:20 a.m. Sunday worship
6 p.m. Sunday worship
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study
Christmas Eve - 9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Sunday worship

Church of Christ

217 E. Sixth
582-8089
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Sunday worship
6 p.m. midweek worship
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

1721 S. Munn
582-8536
10 a.m. Sunday school
10:50 a.m. Priesthood and Relief Society
11:50 a.m. Sacrament

Church of Nazarene

1139 S. Munn
582-2420
9:45 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Sunday worship
6 p.m. Sunday evangelistic service
7 p.m. Wednesday Bible study
Dec. 17 - 6 p.m. Children's Christmas program
Christmas Eve - 6 p.m. candlelight communion service

Countryside Christian Church

West 16th & Country Club Road
582-8872
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. regular worship
10:30 a.m. junior worship
7 p.m. Sunday group
6 p.m. Wednesday men's prayer group
7 p.m. Wednesday women's Bible study

First Baptist Church

121 E. Jenkins
582-2616
9:30 a.m. Sunday school
10:45 a.m. Sunday regular worship (broadcast on KNIM)
6:30 p.m. Wednesday prayer meeting
7 p.m. Sunday worship
Dec. 10 - 7 p.m. Children's Christmas musical
Dec. 11 - 3:30 p.m. reshew of children's musical
Christmas Eve - no regular Sunday school
10 a.m. special service
7 p.m. communion service

First Christian Church (Disciples)

201 W. Third
582-4101
9 a.m. Sunday church school
8 a.m. and 10:25 a.m. Sunday worship
Dec. 17 - Christmas concert during regular service.
4 p.m. Children's Christmas program
Christmas Eve - 7 and 11 p.m. Christmas Eve Communion candlelight services

First Presbyterian Church

211 S. Main

582-4257

9 a.m. Sunday school
10:30 a.m. Worship
Christmas Eve - 10:30 Sunday worship
7 p.m. candlelight service

First United Methodist Church

1604 N. Main
582-2922
8 and 10 a.m. Worship
9 a.m. Sunday school
5-6:30 p.m. Sunday youth group

Hope Lutheran

931 S. Main
582-3262
9 a.m. Sunday school and Bible study
10 a.m. Worship
Holy Communion first and third Sundays

Laura Street Baptist Church

120 S. Laura
582-4773
8:15, 10:40 a.m. and 7 p.m. Sunday worship
9:45 a.m. Sunday church school
7 p.m. Wednesday youth group and Bible study
Dec. 17 - 7 p.m. Christmas musical called "A Time for Christmas," directed by Aaron Huffy
Christmas Eve - 7 p.m. candlelight service

Reorganized Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints

415 W. First
582-2651
9:45 a.m. Sunday church school
10:45 a.m. Worship
7 p.m. Wednesday Fellowship

St. Gregory's Catholic Church

333 S. Davis
582-3833
5-6 p.m. Saturday confessions
6 p.m. Saturday Mass
7:30, 9 and 11 a.m. Sunday Masses
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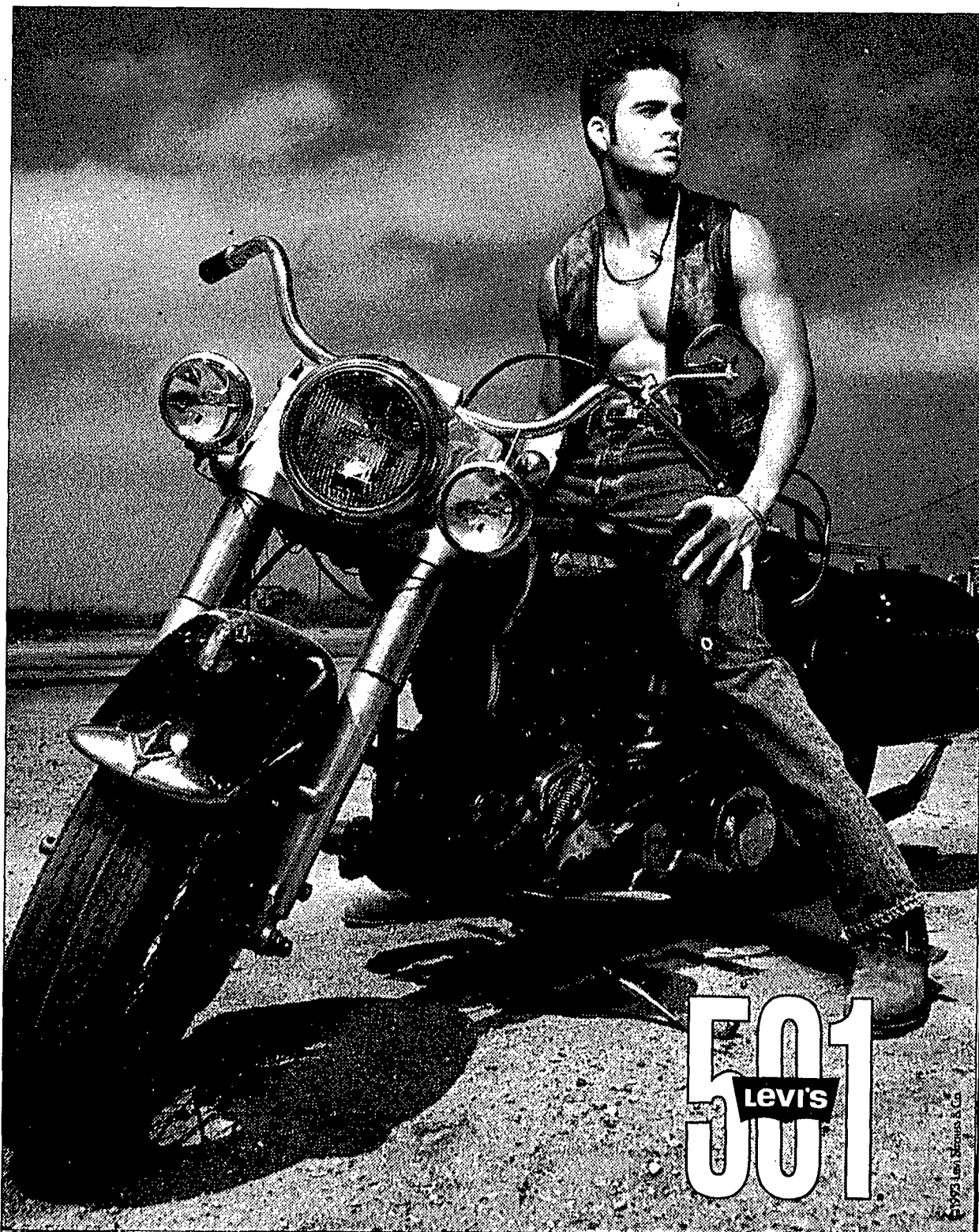
St. Paul's Episcopal Church

901 N. Main
582-5832
10:30 a.m. Sunday school and Holy Eucharist
5:30 p.m. Wednesday mid-week Holy Eucharist
Christmas Eve - service at 10:30 p.m.

Temple Baptist Church

1604 N. Main
582-2992
10:30 a.m. and 6 p.m. Sunday worship
7:30 p.m. Wednesday Bible study

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Christmas season takes toll on postal workers

Holiday rush leaves post office frenzied

MIKE JOHNSON
MISSOURIAN STAFF

While Santa and his elves finish up toys for their annual delivery to good girls and boys, postal employees continue their year-round job of mail delivery. Ol' St. Nick delivers the toys to the children by stopping time and riding on a sleigh pulled by eight tiny reindeer, but for the post office, the process is a little more down to earth.

Mail is separated into two stacks: in town and out of town. The in-town mail is sorted by mail clerks and delivered to Maryville residents, usually the next working day.

For on-campus residents, the post office sorts and bags the mail. Someone from the Mail Center on campus picks it up at the post office and then delivers it to the residence halls by 11 a.m.

"Whenever we get it, we sort it out by floors," Karen Raniere, a desk worker at Millikan Hall, said. "It depends on the mail, but usually it's done by afternoon."

The out-of-town mail goes out on a truck soon after the 5:30 p.m. cut-off point. The cut-off point is when all the mail in the boxes around town are emptied, and put on a truck for its trek out of town.

The truck delivers the mail to the main processing center in Kansas City where the mail is sent through automation, bar coded and separated by zip code. From there, the mail is taken to the airport in the morning and flown wherever it needs to go.

Probably one of the best known fictional postal workers is Cliff Clavan of "Cheers." His pompous

attitude kept audiences in stitches during the sitcom's long run. However, most postal workers are a little less annoying.

John Karigan, postmaster in Maryville, said the biggest problem the post office encounters is with zip codes.

"The problem that causes the biggest slowdown is the wrong zip code or one that is illegible," Karigan said. "The automation will send the mail to wherever it says on the envelope. People sometimes invert numbers in a zip code. Usually, we'll catch the mistake, but not always."

The Postal Service employs 800,000 nationwide with nary a disgruntled one in the bunch.

"The media has hurt the image of the post office by focusing on those select incidents where an employee is involved in some kind of violence," Karigan said. "When you look at how many employees there are, the incidents of violence really aren't that many."

Karigan said the media focuses on post office employees because they are in the "public eye" and "the butt of jokes."

Christmas keeps postal employees especially busy. For people who want their cards to get to the right location at the right time, Karigan offered some advice.

"Don't use red envelopes [because addresses do not show up well on dark-colored envelopes]," he said. "Get them mailed early, the earlier the better. If they are later, priority mail or express mail them."

College students should also remember to make arrangements with the post office to have their mail held over the holidays.

"Last year, we had 200 hold offers, but students go home and forget to say anything," Karigan said. "The carrier will bring in the mail if it's been in the box a while and hold it until the student gets back."

While adults are busy sending Christmas cards and bills off, children are writing Santa to make sure they



JASON WENTZEL/Chief Photographer

It's out of here. Tim Kelley, the distribution clerk at the Maryville post office, dispatches the mail that was collected at the window in the post office and the various collection boxes in town Tuesday night.

get what they want for Christmas.

"Usually we get 30-50 letters to the North Pole," said Donna Beam, secretary for the processing office in Kansas City, Mo. "It all depends. We usually pass on the letters to organizations and they send out letters to the kids, confirming that Santa received their letter but not making any promises either."

As the elves put the finishing touches on the toys, the

post office is gearing up for a busy season. Besides mail, the post office is also delivering a thank you to the customers on Customer Appreciation Day on Dec. 15 in the lobby of the post office. Instead of the traditional holiday milk and cookies, punch and cookies will be served to postal patrons.

"It's our way of saying thanks to the customers and that we appreciate everyone's business," Karigan said. "It's the first time we've done it, but certainly not the last."

Kids look forward to season, holiday

EMILY REESE
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Christmas is a special holiday for many people, but what makes it magic is seeing it through the eyes of a child. Children's eyes light up at the mention of Christmas.

Try to think of your own favorite childhood memory. Was it the year when you got that one special toy you thought you would never get? Or was it the year you did something special with your whole family?

"One year my aunt sent me a Serendipity Santa," undecided major Julie Schmitter said. "We had something to look forward to every day in December."

The joy for some now comes from watching their younger brothers and sisters, nieces and nephews, or cousins delight in the joys of Christmas. Somehow, no matter how bad your mood is, seeing a child delighting over the things adults take for granted can cheer people up.

To an adult, seeing Santa Claus at the mall may be slightly amusing, but to a child, it's the greatest thing in the world, unless they are one of those children who are scared. (until they walk by the toy store).

"When I was 6, I went downstairs and there weren't any presents under the tree," geography major Corey Parks said. "I told my parents to put the presents under the tree before my brother got up."

"My favorite Christmas was when I got my first bike," Jon Dzurick, wildlife ecology conservation major, said.

Some kids delight in tormenting their brothers and sisters, and Christmas gives them more opportunities to do that.

"I always put coal and rocks in my brother's stocking," undecided major Aaron Kincheloe said.

You can learn a lot from a child. Their honest innocence can put you in the Christmas spirit. You can once again feel the magic that you once felt when you were a child.

Children's Christmas Concert



LESLIE DOYLE/Missourian Staff

The entertainer. A cast member of the Children's Christmas Play entertains children in the audience before the performance. The play takes place annually and is produced by Northwest theater personnel.

'Royalty' gather for yearly feaste

SUZANNE MCBAIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Walking into the Union Ballroom, you will enter a transformed medieval time period. With a moat, a knight in shining armor, banners lining the ceiling and walls and even fog to make the atmosphere more realistic, the Yuletide Feaste is definitely an extravagant event.

The 22nd annual Yuletide Feaste is today through Saturday at 6:30 p.m. in the Union Ballroom.

"The Ballroom is transformed into a castle," music major Chris Droegemueller said.

The castle is lead by a king and queen and their servants. The night is conducted with those attending being the guests of the king and queen and all of the members acting in the time period of royalty.

First, the night begins with the feaste for all the king and queen's guests. The feaste includes a buffet dinner of wassail (cider), cheese, fruit, bread, winter salad, carved beef, game hens, ham, au gratin potatoes, wild rice, green beans, corn, glazed carrots and a Yuletide dessert.

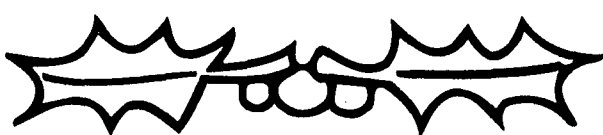
Then the Madralier Sisters, the court actors and the Herald Brass Quintet perform for the guests. More than 60 students and faculty are involved in executing this extraordinary feaste.

This event is sponsored by Northwest's Music Department with music professor Richard Weymuth as the director of the event. Other organizers are Droegemueller and music major Michelle Neuerburg.

Tickets are \$16.25, going toward food and to upgrade the feaste next year. Reservations for tables were only taken until Monday.

"The purpose of the feaste is not to make money but to get everyone into the Christmas spirit," Droegemueller said.

"I was going to the feaste for my freshman seminar class but now that I've been hearing so much about it I'm getting excited about going," Chris Gilman, psychology and biology major, said. "It was also a good way to get some of my Aladdin money off of my card."



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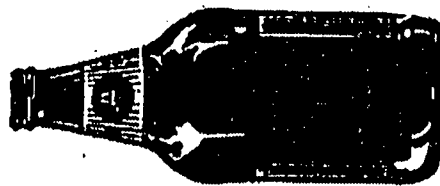


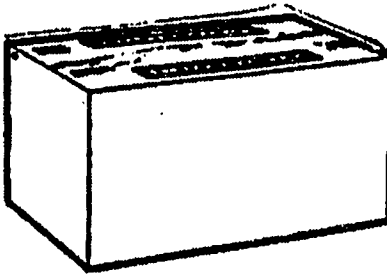




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Alexander	12	2-6	2-2	0-0	1	4	8
Alford	17	0-2	0-2	0-4	1	1	0
Szlanda	28	6-14	3-3	1-4	1	5	15
Redd	17	3-5	0-0	0-2	1	5	7
Williams	26	2-7	0-0	1-3	2	3	4
Jones	32	5-9	6-9	1-5	1	5	16
Ransome	16	3-5	0-0	2-4	0	1	6
Smith	21	0-2	3-4	0-4	2	3	3

TOTALS 200 25-61 15-22 5-27 12 28 70

Percentages: FG-.409, FT-.682 3-Point Goals: 5-14, .357 (Stockton 2-6, Alexander 2-3, Alford 0-1, Redd 1-2, Williams 0-2, Team Rebounds: 4 Blocked Shots: None Steals: 3 (Williams 2, Alexander) Technical Fouls: None Halftime Score: 36-33 Missouri Western

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	MIAA Record			Overall Record		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
CMSU	0	0	.000	5	0	1.000
UMR	0	0	.000	4	0	1.000
MWSC	0	0	.000	4	1	.800
NWMSU	0	0	.000	4	2	.667
WU	0	0	.000	3	3	.500
SBU	0	0	.000	3	3	.500
MSSC	0	0	.000	2	3	.400
NEMSU	0	0	.000	2	3	.400
LU	0	0	.000	2	4	.333
PSU	0	0	.000	2	4	.333
ESU	0	0	.000	2	5	.286
UMSL	0	0	.000	1	3	.250

◆◆ Standings are of games through Dec. 5

Women's Bearcat Basketball

Saturday, Dec. 2

Nebraska-Omaha 92, Northwest 55

	Min	FG	FT	RB	A	PF	TP
Laudont	6	1-3	1-1	0-0	0	1	3
Rasmussen	23	3-3	1-2	1-6	0	3	7
Folk	15	1-2	2-2	1-4	0	3	4
Ickes	28	2-12	3-6	3-8	1	2	7
Feaker	14	1-5	0-0	0-3	0	2	2
Cummings	36	0-3	3-5	1-6	4	1	3
Coy	14	1-1	3-4	0-3	0	3	5
Krohn	22	6-12	0-0	0-0	2	1	13
Oertel	7	0-2	2-4	0-1	0	0	2
Reeves	14	2-3	0-0	0-1	2	1	4
Osborn	21	1-10	3-4	0-0	1	0	5

TOTALS 200 18-56 18-28 9-37 10 17 55

Percentages: FG-.321, FT-.643 3-Point Goals: 1-9, .111 (Folk 0-1, Cummings 0-1, Krohn 1-1, Oertel 0-2, Osborn 0-4 Team Rebounds: 5 Blocked Shots: None Steals: 7 (Cummings 3, Rasmussen 2, Folk, Reeves) Technical Fouls: Northwest bench Halftime Score: 43-29 UNO

Women's MIAA Hoops Standings

	MIAA Record			Overall Record		
	W	L	Pct	W	L	Pct
UMR	0	0	.000	7	0	1.000
MSSC	0	0	.000	6	0	1.000
CMSU	0	0	.000	5	0	1.000
SBU	0	0	.000	6	1	.857
LU	0	0	.000	4	1	.800
MWSC	0	0	.000	4	2	.667
NWMSU	0	0	.000	4	2	.667
NEMSU	0	0	.000	3	2	.600
PSU	0	0	.000	4	3	.571
WU	0	0	.000	3	3	.500
ESU	0	0	.000	2	3	.400
UMSL	0	0	.000	2	5	.286

◆◆ Standings are of games through Dec. 5

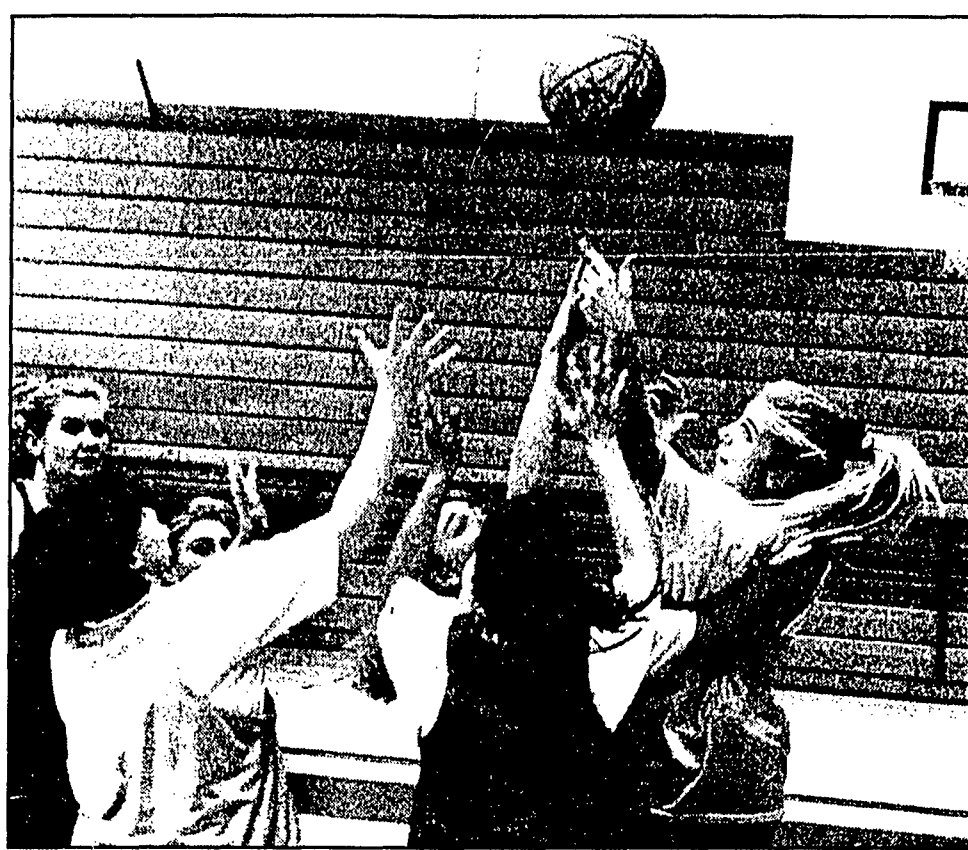
Key Quote

"We had not been on the road this season, but that is not an excuse. We tried but we just didn't play well. It wasn't a lack of effort on out part, it was just two consecutive bad games."

— Pam Cummings
Bearcat guard

KEY TO BOX SCORES: MIN- Minutes FG- Field Goals M-A- Made-Attempted FT- Free Throws RB- Rebounds O-T- Offensive-Total A- Assists PF- Personal foul TP- Total Points

KEY TO SCHOOLS: CMSU-Central Missouri State University ESU-Emoria State University LU-Lincoln University MSSC-Missouri Southern State College MWSC-Missouri Western State College NEMSU-Northeast Missouri State University NWMSU-Northwest Missouri State University PSU-Pittsburg State University SBU-Southwest Baptist University, UMR-University of Missouri-Rolla, UMSL-University of Missouri-St. Louis WU-Washburn University



RUSS WEYDERT/Missourian Staff

Grab that ball. Members of the women's basketball team work on their rebounding skills during practice Wednesday at Bearcat Arena. The Bearcats play Northern State University on Friday night at the Wayne State University Tournament in Wayne, Neb.

'Cats drop 2 at UNO

BARRY PIATT
MISSOURIAN STAFF

The Northwest women's basketball team lost both games at the University of Nebraska-Omaha Cox Cable Classic played last Friday and Saturday in Omaha, Neb.

The Bearcats lost Friday's game, 77-60, to the University of Minnesota-Duluth, while they also lost Saturday's contest, falling 92-55 to host school UNO. The losses put the Bearcats record at 4-2 for the season. UNO gained the largest victory margin in the 17-game UNO-Northwest series, while also dealing the 'Cats their second worst defeat of all time Saturday. The Lady Mavs led 43-29 at the half.

Senior guard Amy Krohn led the Bearcats in scoring with 13 points, while junior forward Sandi Ickes led the club in rebounds with eight.

Junior center Leigh Rasmussen and sophomore guard Pam Cummings, each pulled down six boards. Cummings also dished out four assists and collected three steals for the Bearcats.

Minnesota-Duluth - 77 Northwest - 60

Northwest suffered their first loss of the 1995-96 campaign, losing to Minnesota-Duluth Friday.

UMD held the Bearcats to 37 percent shooting from the field for the game, while they also outrebounded the 'Cats, 48-33.

Krohn was the only Bearcat to score in double figures, pumping in 11 points. Rasmussen scored nine points and grabbed

a team-high eight rebounds, and Cummings collected seven points, seven assists and six steals.

Sophomore guard Autumn Feaker scored eight points, and Ickes grabbed five rebounds for Northwest as well.

Wayne Winstead, women's head coach, said that UMD had a very good ball team.

"They had three players around six-foot, two inches, and the women had a hard time controlling their inside game," he said.

As for the second contest, Winstead said his team played well early, but they could not get their shots to fall.

"They had good shot selection, but the ball would not fall," he said.

Cummings said it just wasn't a good trip. "We had not been on the road this season, but that is not an excuse," she said. "We tried, but we just didn't play well."

"It wasn't a lack of effort on our part, it was just two consecutive bad games."

Even though the scores may not have reflected it, Ickes believed the Bearcats should have won the games they lost.

"We should have beaten them," she said. "We just didn't play well."

Cummings said they have to shoot the ball well to get back on the winning track.

"If we shoot well and play with the same intensity that we did in the first four games, we'll be OK," she said.

The Bearcats travel to Wayne, Neb. to participate in the Wayne State University Tournament Friday and Saturday. Friday, they will take on Northern State University and Saturday they play Wayne State.

Griffons send cagers home with defeat

MIAA rival takes advantage of 'Cats' injuries in finals of Hillyard Classic dropping Bearcats 77-60; outduel William Jewell College 75-66

COLIN MCDONOUGH
CHIEF REPORTER

Northwest received an early taste of the MIAA conference competition, but it tasted sour.

The Bearcats took part in the Hillyard Classic in St. Joseph on Friday and Saturday and came away with one win and one defeat. Northwest's overall record is now 4-2.

Missouri Western State College faced off with the 'Cats in the championship game on Saturday and came away with a 77-60 triumph.

Northwest remained right in the game with the conference rivals, until the final minutes when the Griffons pulled away from the 'Cats for the 17-point victory.

A layup by junior guard Silas Williams tied the game at 46 with just over 12 minutes to play in the contest, but the Griffons scored eight in a row to gain the advantage of the game.

Senior forward Eddie Jones led the Bearcats in scoring with 16.

Steve Tappmeyer, head basketball coach, said the 'Cats went into the game knowing they were undersized.

"We knew we were a little mismatched in the front court, so we tried to go with a smaller lineup," he said.

Junior forward Dee Yarbrough said the team gave a great effort against the Griffons even though they were over-matched.

"The players showed a lot of heart against Missouri Western," he said. "We always look forward to playing Missouri Western."

Northwest - 75 William Jewell - 66

Northwest reached the championship game with a 75-66 victory over NAIA Division II member William Jewell College on Friday.

Senior forward Tom Szlanda led the 'Cats in scoring with 17 and ripped down eight rebounds, while freshman forward Matt Redd also pulled down eight boards.

Tappmeyer said the team played well

against William Jewell.

"We made some big plays at big times," he said. "We came together as a team in that game."

Jones said the team came out and played hard the entire game, which was needed for the win.

"The big thing about the game was that we came out ready to play," he said. Northwest could only use a seven man rotation because of injuries.

Yarbrough suffered a back injury and was unable to play many minutes, while senior guard Derrek Smith and Jones were each suffering from ankle injuries, Tappmeyer said.

"The players showed a lot of heart against Missouri Western. We always look forward to playing Missouri Western."

Dee Yarbrough
Bearcat forward

Yarbrough said that all three are day-to-day. Yarbrough said he hopes he can assist the team on Saturday as the 'Cats entertain Mid-America Nazarene College at 7:30 p.m. in Bearcat Arena.

"My main focus for the game Saturday will be to see how much I can play to help the team," he said. "Right now, I'm at about 40-50 percent."

Tappmeyer said the team can take many positives away from the games they played against Missouri Western and William Jewell.

"We now have a good base of things we can build on and correct," he said. "This weekend was a good measuring stick."

From the Cheap Seats

Dear Santa, all that I want for Christmas is ...

Another tradition has hit the Northwest campus. Now along with Mike the Dog, the Kissing Bridge, Walkout Day and the Stroller, a sports editor letter to Santa can be added to those fabled traditions.

And before you laugh at a 21-year old college student still believing in Santa Claus, writing a letter to him and knowing he is still around, look what he brought me last year after I asked for it. A retirement of a future hall of famer, a winning football team and an end to the hockey strike. He is around — trust me.

So along with many other children across the world, I would again like to send a letter to the fat man up at the North Pole — your favorite bearer of gifts — Santa Claus.

Dear Santa,
Thanks for everything that you brought me last year, but like every other kid on the block, I want more and more stuff each year so here is a list of what I want for that glorious day on the 25th. My list is short, but the gifts are big. So go do that voodoo that you do, so well.



GENE CASSELL

1) Santa, I know last year I wanted the Bearcats to win a football game. Well, that is all hunky-dory, but I want more. Along with the coaching staff and players, I want to see a MIAA Championship for the boys in green.

Being my last year at school next year, it would be great to say the year I left Northwest, the football team won it all.

2) Going along with No. 1, it would be nice to see Pittsburg State University leave the conference. They are way too tough in football to stay here. Send them to a good Division I-AA conference so someone else could win a championship for once.

3) Well since I am on the subject of MIAA championships, how about a conference title for each one of the teams at Northwest.

The women's cross country team did it. Congratulations to head coach Ron DeShon and his athletes! Now Northwest has yet another thing to boast on to brag about this school. (Maybe this can help us get the Missouri Quality Award next year.)

4) Santa, how about a packed house at each one of the remaining basketball games at Bearcat Arena.

Crowd support can really help a team when they are down. Look what the folks at Allen Fieldhouse did for the Jayhawks (the new No. 1 team in the nation) when they were down by 19 to UCLA.

5) OK, Santa. Last year you stiffed me and Matt on our hopes to be on Sports Center with Northwest and some facet of one of their athletic teams. What happened?

Sure, maybe the chances of that happening are about as good as Nebraska winning the national championship in football. (GO GATORS!!!) But I am sure

there is something Northwest athletes can be known for — like the grade point average of the volleyball team, the fact that the football team went from last to third in the conference or even the botched story that football players supposedly used steroids. (Yeah right Stan, stick your nose somewhere else, go bother Kansas State or some other school — say Missouri Western State College. It would save you a trip up the longest, most boring highway in the northwest Missouri.)

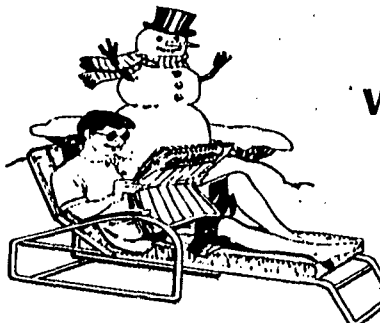
Love,
Gene

Gene
P.S. Since the milk I had at my apartment was bad and made your reindeer sick last year, I will leave you some gift certificates to one of the lovely coffeehouses in Maryville to enjoy whenever you would like to.

Gene Cassell is the campus sports editor for the Northwest Missourian.

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Family of 3 experiences residential life

SUZANNE MCBAIN
MISSOURIAN STAFF

Residing on the fourth floor of Millikan Hall is 25 rooms of women, a resident assistant and a family. Pat Fowler lives on fourth floor Millikan with two of her daughters all striving for the same goal: to earn a degree.

Fowler is a non-traditional student majoring in secondary education with an emphasis in history. Before she came to Northwest she had been married for 25 years.

Living in Cincinnati, Ohio, she raised four daughters and was a construction worker. Fowler went back to school because she discovered she had multiple sclerosis, putting an end to her career. Fowler does not receive any benefits for her disability or any child support.

"When your legs don't work, you can't climb," Fowler said.

So she had to quit construction work

and find another occupation.

Last year Fowler graduated from Indian Hills Community College which is close to Cincinnati. Now she and her daughter Missy Neal, theater technology major, are both attending Northwest joining another member of the family, Nancy Ferguson, a pre-med major.

Fowler said with a smile, "I have the best roommate."

Her daughter Missy just laughed. Missy and her mother are roommates and three doors down lives Nancy.

"It's been an experience and I've enjoyed it immensely," Ferguson said. "It's tough at times but not tough in the sense that she is here, but rather that we see what she (Fowler) goes through. I love her being here."

Fowler's other daughters, Alice Neal and Cathy Perry, go to Indian Hills Community College, near Cincinnati, and Buena Vista

College, at Storm Lake, respectively.

So far Fowler's experience at Northwest has been interesting. In the beginning of the semester she was enrolled in a few classes that she didn't think she had the background for, such as logic and zoology. She was also in a computers class that was supposed to have been waived. But after working out some of the problems, Fowler dropped logic and computers, but is still enrolled in zoology.

"Smith, the zoology instructor, deeps my spirits up and I know he's really trying to teach me," Fowler said. "If I had more background,

I'd like it a lot more."

She also moved from Hudson Hall to Millikan during room change week because of a noise problem. She said fourth floor of Millikan is probably the quietest floor on campus, but if she returns next year she will move off campus.

Fowler decided to live in a residence hall this semester to take it easy for a bit. She wanted to have someone else to wash the dishes and make dinner. When going to Indian Hills Community College, she was living at her house and had to perform these tasks

while making time for homework as well.

Coming to Northwest, however, has also had many ups for Fowler.

She has met a lot of people who have helped her, such as Kevin Buterbaugh, assistant professor of government, Thomas Carneal, associate professor of history, Pam Bell, resident assistant, and history professor Harmon Mothershead.

The next time you visit Millikan you will know that not only is there a family of college students bonding with one another, but a family striving to earn their degrees together.



Getting the goods delivered. Pat Fowler, a 49-year-old non-traditional student, avoids the cold weather by ordering pizza to be delivered to her room in Millikan Hall. LESLIE DOYLE/Missourian Staff

Santa Claus is comin' to town

Dear Santa Claus and Mrs. Claus,

My name is Rachel, I am 6 years old and I have been good all year long. I would like the Barbie's High Stepping Horse and Baby Tumbles Surprise.

Love,
Rachel, Mommy, Daddy and Michelle

Dear Santa,

This is my first Christmas I am four months old. This year for Christmas I would like a soft Tonka Truck, rattles, clothes, since I grow up fast and just anything that you think I need. Don't forget my big brother Clinton he tries to be good.

xoxoxoxoxo
Adam Thompson
four months

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a skating Barbie and a walking horse with black feet. I have a stocking for you and coolies.

Alison Hixon

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a baby doll and a new car for my Dad. I will have some cookies for you when you come.

Claire Hayes

Dear Santa,

I would like a pogo stick, a cowboy baseball hat

and a cowboy skateboard and a motorcycle thing.

Thanks,
John Loch

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie Hair Cut and Style and a Teddy Bear and a Pocahontas Barbie and a jewelry box with a star. I'll leave you a letter at my home.

Emily Wilmes

Dear Santa,

I would like a Barbie van and a Barbie Barbiecue stuff. I will have milk and cookies for you.

Jordan Van Ness

Dear Santa,

I would like play horses, piggies and cows and a hot wheels race track. I will have milk and cookies for you and a carrot for Rudolph.

Clinton Thompson

Dear Santa,

I would like a real pony and a cash register. I'll probably have cookies for you.

Jessica Allen

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a teddy bear and Barbies and a Barbie school bus. My brother Ryan would like an airplane. Thank you.

Jordan Stiens

Dear Santa,

Please bring me a race track and some race cars. I will have cookies for you.

Michael Shaw

Dear Santa,

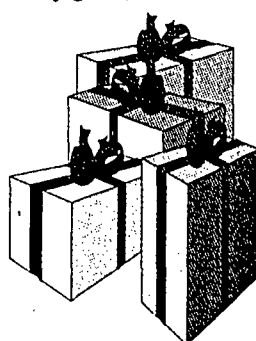
Please bring me a baby gymnast and a Barbie walking pony and Babysitter Barbie. We will have some hot coffee and cookies for you.

Afton Kinman

Dear Santa,

My name is Elliot you've never visited me before because this is my very first Christmas. What I want for Christmas is a few toys - I really don't know which ones, but just something to keep me entertained. I'd like for you to remember my big brother Brandon, 'cause I think he is really neat. And maybe a bone for my dog, Arnold.

Thanks Bunches,
Elliot Foster
P.S. I'll leave some milk and cereal for you. (it's really good)



Angelou

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"Writers who speak through the human experience are those who affect their audience," Angelou said.

Giving credit to her own work, Angelou talked about the importance of humor and how she tries to incorporate that into her poetry.

"I always love to see someone laugh," Angelou said. "I find it hard to trust people who don't laugh."

Angelou put the audience in stitches with her popular "Health Food Diner" which pokes fun at the posed ridiculousness of the rigid health and vegetarian movement.

*"Hot dogs by the scores,
or any place
that saves a space,
for smoking carnivores."*

Angelou humorously added that the American Meat Packing Company published 200,000 copies of that particular piece.

Angelou also stressed the importance of each individual, affirming everyone's place in society. Angelou read "Phenomenal Woman," which was featured in John Singleton's 1993 movie "Poetic Justice."

This piece gives accolades to all women no matter what size, shape, color or age.

In response to a question asked by an audience member, Angelou pondered about the state of our nation and world relating to racism, violence and human

intolerance.

"We need to develop courage individually and privately," Angelou said. "Without courage, you can't be kind, loving and generous."

Angelou alluded to how people could empower themselves to fight social injustice.

"We have to do this in small ways," Angelou said. "If a racial or sexual comment is made, have the courage to leave the room. If we can't be courageous at home, we can't be courageous in the village, city, nation and world."

After leaving the audience with these few words of wisdom, Angelou exited the stage only to be brought back with another standing ovation.

In continuing tradition, Angelou read "I Rise," another of her famous pieces that speaks of human empowerment and finding the rainbow in the clouds.

With that, Angelou ended her powerful performance.

Angelou's performance was hailed as one of the best that Northwest has seen.

"I enjoyed every bit of it," Saucerman said. "She didn't cite a lot of her own work in the beginning, but she was absolutely tremendous."

Some audience members liked some pieces more than others.

"I Rise" was my absolute favorite," physical education major, Ambrows Moreland said. "It was all good, though."

After the performance some students and faculty were invited to University President Dean Hubbard's house for a reception in Angelou's honor.

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The Stroller 'Twas the night before finals ...

Well Bearcats — a one, a two, a three — Christmas, Christmas time is here. Time for laughs and time for beer.

Just kidding, that stuff doesn't come until after the last final.

But seriously, Your Man would like to take a second to reflect on the year ... good, now that all of the memories have floated through our head, let's move on to different subjects at hand.

Is it just me, or has this year just gone by as quick as a Campus Safety officer to a illegally parked vehicle? True, everyone always says the year has flown by, but I think this is very true about this year.

This school year was very fast compared to the prior ones for the football team. Look! They won not zero games as in the year before last, but six.

A full night's sleep for team members. Speaking of sleep or lack thereof, Your Man had the strangest dream last night.

It was like a story, a Christmas favorite, "The Night Before Christmas." But it was weird, like things that I have said before. It was like deja vu, one more time, all over again.

I am not sure why I had such a dream, maybe it could be contributed to the six hour Christmas movie marathon at my house over the Thanksgiving break.

But it went something like this ...

'Twas the night before finals, and all through out Northwest.

Every student was at The Pub, forgetting about their tests.

The students were at the bar, waiting for their



THE STROLLER

beer.

Oh Your Man was happy, this day was finally here.

Joe was in the corner, with Jack Daniels in his glass.

He was just getting ready, for a good eight-hour nap.

Then from nowhere, I heard a big boom.

And when I woke up, I was back in my college dorm room.

After I stepped outside, I saw my RA.

He got Your Man interested in floor activities; hey, dorm life is OK.

We partied, ate pizza, danced country and more, but to top it off, we went to see Pauly Shore.

Then once again, Your Man heard that boisterous sound, I landed on the football field, and Bobby was on the ground.

There was someone standing above him, he was wet and smiled a frown.

Then all of a sudden, Bobby arose, then spoke.

He said "Man, you're trippin', and your Ichabods are a joke."

Then Bobby sat down, and coming from the Tower, I heard this sound.

It was weird, like I had heard it before.

Even though I wanted to, I was something Your Man could not ignore.

It was the Greeks, singing in chorus.

The agonizing sound, made me want to run to the forest.

I couldn't stop them, oh Lord did I try, But circling the chanting ones, were squirrels 10-feet high.

With squirrels protecting them, there was nothing I could do.

Me and the other non-Greeks, then cried boo-hoo.

And again, one more time, I heard the loud blast.

When I opened my eyes, I was surrounded by class.

I was at Dean Hubbard's house, and there was a tree decorated to the top.

He was under the tree, placing presents for his kin.

He was pulling them not out of a sack, but out of a big blue recycling bin.

He then raised up, and out the chimney he flew.

He checked his new laptop, and hopped in Bearcat II.

Then he said, as the engines roared and he disappeared from my view.

"Know where to park, or Campus Safety will get you."

The Stroller has been a tradition at Northwest since 1918.

Weekly Crossword

ACROSS

1 A season

5 Provide party

10 Remnants

14 Cleveland's

lake

15 "That's—"

16 QED word

17 Verdi opera

18 Nostrils

19 Heap

20 Russian monk

22 Of greater

height

24 Golf club

25 Gauch's

weapon

26 Supports for

broken arms

29 Song for a

loved one

33 Of great size

34 Wise

35 Math course:

abbr.

36 Old fed. agcy.

37 Tooth doctor

40 Alliance

acronym

41 Actress

Rowlands

43 Observed

44 TV actress

Esther

46 Treated

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compositions

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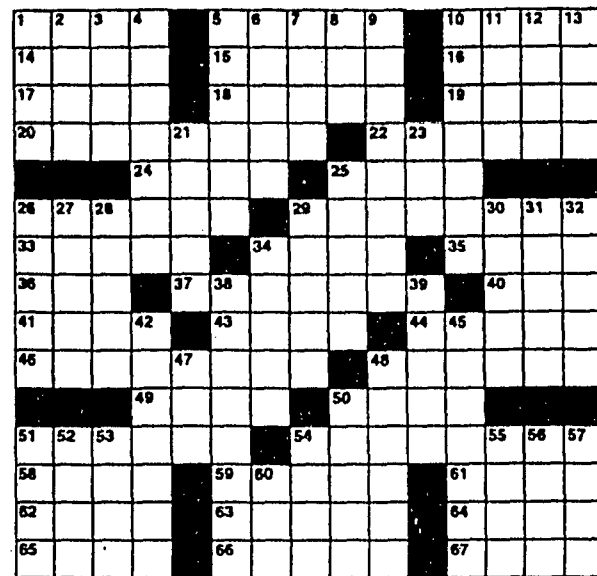
63 Artist's hand

64 Zola novel

65 Used a garden

tool

66 Gaze



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Answers to last week's puzzle



67 Heavenly object

DOWN

1 Dread

2 Opera solo

3 Covers

4 Jumping

5 Divisions of long

poems

6 With full force,

old style

7 Ripped

8 Before

9 Brings back to

an original

10 Move to a new

flower bed

11 Seed coat

12 Strong wind

13 Mob or gang

end

21 Encouraged

23 Malt drink

25 Start

26 Plots

27 Jacket feature

28 Teheran

orders

29 Satisfied

30 As—(usually)

31 Control knobs

32 Plumed bird

34 Nasty look

38 Lovers of

beauty

39 Game fish

42 Stranded in

water

45 Confers holy

47 Drone

48 Caress

50 Hermit

51 "Little Women"

name

52 Reverberate

53 Indian

54 Tableland

55 Capricorn

56 Volcano

57 German river

60 Deserter

Weekly Horoscopes This Week in the Stars

ARIES March 21 - April 20
Your ideas and plans may be all directed toward a profession or business. What appears to be a minor opportunity could turn out to be a profitable business contact.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 3-33-14-34-17-4

TAURUS April 21 - May 21
Your interest in travel, education and contacts with people at a distance may be accentuated over the next few weeks. A legal matter might also need attention.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 12-3-8-13-42-29

GEMINI May 22 - June 21
Mercury's new position should encourage you to investigate a joint financial opportunity with a business partner. Also a chance to improve personal relationships.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 4-23-29-8-7-11

CANCER June 22 - July 23
The outlook is favorable for romantic affections and business partnerships. You may still have to compromise with others to further your personal desires.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 6-14-29-28-12-15

LEO July 24 - Aug. 23
Health interest, diet plans and job opportunities may become your prime concern as Mercury moves through your sixth sector. A favorable time to express creativity.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 23-20-25-14-31-15

VIRGO Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
You may have an opportunity to advance your creative interests and speculative ventures. All should also go well for eligible romantics and social butterflies.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 17-24-29-28-7-9

LIBRA Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
An interest in homemaking crafts could turn out to be a source of income as well as enjoyment. Also an excellent time to sign contracts regarding home and real estate.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 39-16-30-25-3-33

SCORPIO Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Times are changing. Solarscope shows favorable aspects for attainment of hopes and wishes from nearby places. What you start now could become successful.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 1-38-10-19-39-30

SAGITTARIUS Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Right time to set the machinery in motion toward the achievement of improved finances. If you're certain you know what you want, go for it.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 18-20-37-30-42-33

CAPRICORN Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
Mercury moves into your sign. Tackle problems you haven't resolved in the past. Solutions are possible now to help you accomplish what you're hoping for.
LUCKY NUMBERS: 19-3-18-7-27-36

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